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EMPLOYEES TO PAY RESPECTS.

Secretary of Treasury and Assistants

Will Receive Tomorrow.

Secretary McAdoo, with Assistant Secretaries Byron R. Newton, W. P. Malburn and Andrew J. Peters, will receive the employees of the Treasury Department beginning at noon tomorrow, the last day of the year. Mrs. McAdoo, the President's daughter, who intended to receive with Secretary McAdoo, finds herself unable to be present owing to a multitude of social duties required of her at this time.

Work in the Treasury Department is to stop at noon, and all clerks are to be given a half holiday. The reception is to begin immediately at that hour, heads of bureaus and chiefs of divisions are to head the line of the employees of their respective offices. All employees have been invited to be present.

IN ADDITION to testimony in regard to the general merchandise forms of bills of lading these hearings are expected to develop facts relative to the lawfulness and propriety of special bills of lading issued to cover such traffic as live stock and cotton for export.

MAKING CHAMPAGNE OF STILL WINES.

Perhaps the war has done it, but imported still wines are being converted into sparkling champagne in New York city. For the customs service has provided a "drawback" for such imported wines so converted and shipped back to whence they came or elsewhere.

SEAKS' MESSAGE TO AMERICANS

Willard Straight Delivers Address on "Relation of Public Finance to Private Credit."

Willard Straight, a New York financier, who has been identified with financing of governments in the far east, delivered an address this afternoon entitled "The Relation of Public Finance to Private Credit," before a joint session of section 9 of the Pan-American Scientific Congress and the American Economic Association, which he said the credit of "certain of our sister republics in South and Central America is unquestioned, but the development of some of them has been hampered."

"They have afforded fields for speculation," he said, "rather than for investment, and foreign capital has too frequently allied itself with one political party or another, thus making gain rather than to secure a legitimate profit for public work well done. It has often been urged that Great Britain of neutral mails in foreign investments undertaken by its government should be a guarantee to the safety of foreign investments undertaken by its government."

Closer Than Ever Before.

"The European war has given to the American republics a new bond of mutual dependence. Politically we are closer than ever before. In our mutual necessity there is a need, and a growing one, for much more intimate commercial and financial co-operation. You require capital, while we in turn must try to stimulate the exchange of products between the country and our sister republics to the south.

"In order that we may sell our goods to you, we must enable you to produce goods, which we in turn can purchase. We are beginning to realize that we must furnish capital to our customers if we would market our goods. We must maintain a relationship which, in being mutually profitable, will bring a better mutual understanding of our aspirations and ideals.

"Such a relationship can be established if honest and sincere financial assistance offer conditions which will attract our investment, and if we in turn are willing to grant the credits which will enable you to purchase in this country the articles which you require. Both lender and borrower must mobilize private credit, the borrower in order that he may borrow advantageously for the development of his resources, and the lender in order that he may lend intelligently for the extension of his national trade.

"The ultimate basis of international finance, and we are just entering upon an era where public finance will play an increasingly important part as the most powerful instrument of constructive domestic as well as foreign national policy."

AUSTRIANS RETREATING, MONTENEGRINS CLAIM

CETTINE, Montenegro, Wednesday, December 29, via Paris, December 30, 3:25 p.m.—After heavy fighting for three days between Austrian and Montenegrin troops, the Austrians are in retreat on one part of the front, the war office announced today. The statement follows:

"There is violent artillery fighting along the whole front of the Sanjak army. The enemy continued his attacks against Raskovagora, but the Austrians, after three days of tenacious fighting, are now retreating.

"There is no change on the other fronts."

GEOPHAPERS IN SESSION.

First Meeting Held This Morning at G. W. U. Medical School.

The first session of the twelfth annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers was held this morning at George Washington University Medical School.

Dr. C. Ward read a paper on the prevailing winds of the United States. William G. Reed talked on weather forecasts, and Charles R. Dryer discussed the economic geography of the United States.

William Howie of the United States coast and geodetic survey presented a paper on "The Place of Geodesy (earth measurement) in Scientific Geography."

An interesting talk was given by J. H. Rich on the effects of erosion of rivers and coasts.

Speakers and members were the guests of the National Geographic Society at a luncheon at Hubbard Hall, where the Bingham pictures of the Yale University expeditions were shown for the first time.

FOLK-LORE SOCIETY.

At Annual Meeting This Afternoon Officers Are Elected.

The American Folk-Lore Society, which is meeting as a part of the International Congress of Americanists, held its annual meeting this afternoon, following the general session of the Americanists. The following officers were elected:

President, Dr. R. H. Lowie, American Museum of Natural History, New York city; first vice president, Prof. G. L. Kittredge, Harvard University; second vice president, Dr. J. Walter Fewkes, bureau of American ethnology, this city; secretary, Dr. Charles Peabody, Harvard University; assistant secretary, Prof. C. Kidder, Harvard University; editor-in-chief, Prof. Franz Boaz, Columbia University; assistant editors, Prof. Kittredge, Prof. E. M. Barbau and Prof. A. M. Espinosa.

The annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association will be held at noon.

Delegates to the Nineteenth International Congress of Americanists will be the guests of the Cosmos Club of the organizing committee of the present congress and of the American Anthropological Association.

Henry B. F. Macfarland will preside, but no speeches are on the program.

TO END YELLOW FEVER.

Pan-American Executive Committee Approves Plan for Eradication.

A plan for co-ordinate action by all American republics looking to the eradication of yellow fever in the western hemisphere has been approved by the executive committee of the pan-American congress.

BRITISH INTERFERENCE WITH MAILS DISCUSSED

Secretary Lansing and Netherlands Minister in Conference—Reasons for Seizure Indicated.

British interference with first-class mail passing from Holland to the United States was discussed today by Secretary Lansing and the Netherlands minister, Chevalier van Rappard.

The minister was informed that pending the receipt of a report from Ambassador Page at London or of more specific information than now is in possession of the State Department from other official sources no definite action would be taken by this government.

Requests for information have been sent to a number of the department's agents abroad.

Advices received at the State Department indicate that recent seizures by Great Britain of neutral mails in transit to the United States from Europe were prompted chiefly by a desire to prevent the export of securities confiscated by the German military authorities.

COAL SHORTAGE DENIED.

Difficulty in Obtaining Anthracite Ascribed to Freight Congestion.

NEW YORK, December 30.—Anthracite operators today denied reports that a shortage of anthracite coal exists, or that wholesale prices have been advanced recently. Their statement, issued by the American Coal Association, explained that any difficulty in obtaining anthracite in the last few weeks in obtaining anthracite has been caused entirely by the unprecedented freight congestion on all trunk line railroads in the east.

George L. Berry to Head Pressmen.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., December 30.—The nomination of officers for the International Printing Pressmen's and Assistants Union of North America was just closed. President George L. Berry was nominated by the general membership without opposition, and will be the only candidate on the ticket at the election in February. For twenty-four months this union has not had a strike throughout North America in a membership of 34,000.

THE DAILY STORY.

THE HOUSE PLANT.

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When Augustus Todd went to gather the eggs that morning he found the earth coated with ice. Augustus went along, hanging first to the chimney, and then to a pole, and stumbling to himself.

Maggie, his slender and dark young wife, watched him anxiously from the window. In terror she at last darted forth and caught him by the arm. "Let me steady you, Gus," she entreated.

He shook off her hand with a growling look from his bloodshot black eyes. Any reference to his age or hers angered him. "You go back in the house and mind your business," he growled.

And Maggie went, because she was an old-fashioned wife, who believed it to be her sole duty to obey that superior animal, her husband.

With great relief she saw him entering the henhouse, and, considering him safe for a time, she returned to her dish washing.

It was Wednesday, the day on which Augustus always took his eggs to the store. Though Maggie took all the care of the hens, feeding them and raising the chickens, she had no voice in the disposal of the eggs and no share in the money they sold for beyond the few groceries which Augustus sometimes brought home.

Augustus last remaining business was handling those eggs. He prided himself upon being keen at a bargain. His weekly trip to Towner's store, with eight or ten dozen in a basket partook of high finance and clever speculation. His great anxiety was to impress Maggie with his importance and wisdom. Openly he held disdain of Maggie as a weaker vessel. She had no sagacity. He often told her that she should die she would dissipate his savings in no time. Therefore he had no intention of dying. And when he was a fool, it was not her fault that she was a "little mite the biggest fool of the lot."

But C. Ward read a paper on the prevailing winds of the United States. William G. Reed talked on weather forecasts, and Charles R. Dryer discussed the economic geography of the United States.

William Howie of the United States coast and geodetic survey presented a paper on "The Place of Geodesy (earth measurement) in Scientific Geography."

An interesting talk was given by J. H. Rich on the effects of erosion of rivers and coasts.

Speakers and members were the guests of the National Geographic Society at a luncheon at Hubbard Hall, where the Bingham pictures of the Yale University expeditions were shown for the first time.

FOLK-LORE SOCIETY.

At Annual Meeting This Afternoon Officers Are Elected.

The American Folk-Lore Society, which is meeting as a part of the International Congress of Americanists, held its annual meeting this afternoon, following the general session of the Americanists. The following officers were elected:

President, Dr. R. H. Lowie, American Museum of Natural History, New York city; first vice president, Prof. G. L. Kittredge, Harvard University; second vice president, Dr. J. Walter Fewkes, bureau of American ethnology, this city; secretary, Dr. Charles Peabody, Harvard University; assistant secretary, Prof. C. Kidder, Harvard University; editor-in-chief, Prof. Franz Boaz, Columbia University; assistant editors, Prof. Kittredge, Prof. E. M. Barbau and Prof. A. M. Espinosa.

The annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association will be held at noon.

Delegates to the Nineteenth International Congress of Americanists will be the guests of the Cosmos Club of the organizing committee of the present congress and of the American Anthropological Association.

Henry B. F. Macfarland will preside, but no speeches are on the program.

TO END YELLOW FEVER.